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APPLICANTS : OLIVER NICKEL  
SERIAL NO. : 09/844,084  
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FOR : MASKING TAPE AND ITS USE  
ART UNIT : 1771  
EXAMINER : L. Salvatore

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, which is a new abstract, is attached.